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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE SALE OF CORVETTES TO COLOMBIA

SUMMARY: THE PORTUGUESE CORVETTES BEING SOLD TO COLOMBIA ARE EQUIPPED WITH US MK 32 TORPEDO TUBES SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION OF THIRD PARTY SALES. EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER EQUIPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. SUBSEQUENT TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF SALE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND COLOMBIA FOR THE FOUR BAPTISTA ANDRADE-CLASS CORVETTES, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE INSTALLED TORPEDO TUBES ARE OF US ORIGIN AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS OF THIRD-PARTY SALES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PORTUGAL BE AUTHORIZED TO TRANSFER THESE TORPEDO TUBES TO COLOMBIA WHEN THE SALE IS COMPLETED. FURTHER INFORMATION ON WHICH TO GRANT TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION PROVIDED BELOW.

2. THE TORPEDO TUBES ARE EIGHT EACH MK 32, MOD O TRI-TUBE

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MANUAL MOUNTS, SERIAL NUMBERS: 122413-4, 122423, AND 122442-6. THE SHIPS WERE PROCURED UNDER CONTRACT BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE EMPRESA NACIONAL BAZAN DE CONSTRUCCIONES NAVALES MILITARES, CARTAGENA, SPAIN. THE CORVETTES WERE COMMISSIONED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 74 AND NOVEMBER 75 AND DELIVERED TO THE PORTUGUESE FULLY EQUIPPED. THE GOP STATES THAT THE SHIPBUILDER PURCHASED THE MK-32 TORPEDO TUBES FROM THE ENGLISH FIRM PLESSEY.

THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE AMPLIFYING INFORMATION ON THE
SERIES OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN THE US, PLESSEY, AND THE SPANISH
CONTRACTOR. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER TO COLOMBIA,
THIS, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO BE AMOOT POINT.

3. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER TO COLOMBIA WHEN SALE
IS COMPLETED.

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